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SUBJ: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP (WG), MAY 31

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1. SUMMARY: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WG MET ON MAY 31 TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING MATTERS. WG AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON JUNE 8 TO REVIEW DRAFT INTERIM REPORT TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IF CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE THUS SCHEDULED SHORTLY THEREAFTER, PROBABLY ON JUNE 10. END SUMMARY

2. WG MET UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF WG -- PRACTICAL MEASURES AND GUIDELINES. RAPPORTEUR ALFARAGI (EGYPT) NOTED THAT SINCE MUCH WORK IS UNFORTUNATELY STILL NEEDED BY WG TO FULFILL ITS DUAL MANDATE, HE PREFERRED THAT THERE BE NO INTERIM REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. CANADA STATED THAT A SECOND DRAFT OF THE PRACTICAL MEASURES PAPER HAD BEEN PREPARED AND WOULD BE READY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WG IN A FEW DAYS. CANADA ADDED THAT IT WISHED TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO WORKING FILE #2 (CHRONOLOGY OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS) AT A LATER DATE.
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3. INDIAN DELEGATION THEN SUGGESTED THAT FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S MEETING IN JUNE, A SECOND WG ROUND BE SCHEDULE. BRAZIL CONCURRED, AND US ADDED WHILE ITS DELEGATION MAINTAINED FLEXIBILITY ON THIS QUESTION, IT AGREED WITH BRAZIL AND INDIA THAT IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR WG TO MEET AGAIN PERHAPS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF GUIDELINES. FURTHER

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DISCUSSION DEVELOPED THAT INTERIM REPORT SHOULD BE BRIEF, FACTUAL AND NON-JUDGMENTAL AS TO RESULTS OF WG TO DATE. REPORT WOULD CONTAIN TWO ANNEXES -- THE PAPER ON PRACTICAL MEASURES AND THE DRAFT GUIDELINES, 5-13, AND WOULD STATE IN SOME MANNER THAT THE ANNEXES REPRESENTED A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. US DEL MADE POINT THAT THE TWO TEXTS ARE WORKING DOCUMENTS AND RETAIN QUITE SIMILAR STATUS CANADA SECONDED US CHARACTERIZATION AS SUCH.

4. MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT WAS USSR'S SUGGESTION THAT DRAFT INTERIM REPORT INDICATE THAT ARTICLES 5, 7, 9, AND 13 WERE NEW FORMULAS REPRESENTING A MEASURE OF AGREEMENT. USSR ADDED THAT OF COURSE THIS WOULD MEAN DROPPING THE BRACKETS ON ARTICLE 5. (NOTE: A SOVIET CONCESSION MADE IN PASSING WHICH WAS DULY RECORDED IN THE MINDS OF THOSE PRESENT.) THEN PAKISTAN, CANADA, EGYPT AND OTHERS TOOK EXCEPTION TO SOVIET SUGGESTION AS GLOSSING OVER THE WIDELY DIFFERING STATUS OF THESE ARTICLES. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH CHAIRMAN'S REMINDING WG OF CONSENSUS TO MEET AGAIN JUNE 8.
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